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SUBJECT: LEONARD GARMENT SPEECH

1. FRONT PAGE STORY IN "NEW YORK TIMES" APRIL 2 REPORTS
ON SPEECH ENTITLED "CONSPIRACY OF THE MAJORITY" BY
LEONARD GARMENT, US MEMBER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

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2. SPEECH INTER ALIA ATTACKS "SUPPRESSION OF A FREE PRESS

IN INDIA" AND REMARKS THAT "PRIME MINISTERINDIRA GANDHI HAD CRUSHED POLITICAL LIBERTIES IN INDIA." SPEECH IS REPORTED AS CHARGING YUGOSLAVIA WITH "BEGINNING TO TIGHTEN THE SCREWS" OF OPPRESSION AND MAKES REFERENCE TO ARREST OF LAWYER POPOVIC FOR HIS DEFENSE OF A POLITICAL DISSIDENT.

3. SPEECH ALSO MAKES REFERENCE TO UNNAMED COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO WHICH UNITED STATES URGED THAT STUDIES BE MADE. TIMES ARTICLE, QUOTING OTHER SOURCES, IDENTIFIES BRAZIL AS ONE OF THESE COUNTRIES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, POSTS SHOULD STATE THAT MR. GARMENT'S REFERENCES TO NAMED COUNTRIES WERE EXPRESSIONS OF HIS PERSONAL VIEWS AND THAT HIS SPEECH WAS NOT CLEARED BY THE DEPARTMENT. MR. GARMENT IS NOT

A FULL TIME OFFICIAL OF THE US GOVT. HE NORMALLY SPEAKS IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY ONLY WHEN HE IS ACTIVELY FULFILLING HIS DUTIES AS US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. FOR NEW DELHI: POST SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN US POLICY OF AVOIDING OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA.

5. FYI: FACT THAT USUN PRESS OFFICE DISTRIBUTED SPEECH WAS INADVERTENT AND BASED ON INCORRECT ASSUMPTION THAT GARMENT WAS SPEAKING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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